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Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (656X), *CSX Transportation, Inc. --
Abandonment Exemption -- in Marion County, WV*

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Reference is made to the letter, dated September 8, 2009 (and filed with the Board on September 8, 2009), from Richard Walton, on behalf of the Marion County Commission (the "County") requesting an extension of the NITU negotiating period (the "Extension Request") with CSX Transportation, Inc ("CSXT") in the above-captioned proceeding. The present NITU negotiating period is set to expire on September 16, 2009.

CSXT hereby acknowledges and concurs with the Extension Request as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the County, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the County.¹ As Director Walton's letter indicates, CSXT and the County have continued to negotiate for trail use and hoped to reach a final agreement in advance of the NITU negotiating deadline.

Therefore, CSXT respectfully requests the Board grant a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating deadline to March 15, 2010. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment of the line in the above-captioned proceeding to May 14, 2010.

CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,


Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Parties of Record

¹ Although the County did not specify the extension period, CSXT will accept a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (i.e., until March 15, 2010) should the Board deem it permissible.